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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 18, 2000

APPLICATION OF

ENRON ENERGY MARKETING CORP.

CASE NO. PUE000489

For a license to conduct
business as a competitive
service provider in a natural
gas retail access pilot program

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On September 29, 2000, Enron Energy Marketing Corp. ("EEMC" or "Applicant") filed an application for licensure to conduct business as a competitive service provider. EEMC proposes to provide natural gas in the retail access pilot programs of Washington Gas Light Company and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the captioned application, the Commission is of the opinion that EEMC's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give appropriate notice of its application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000489.
- (2) A copy of EEMC's application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the

Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or can be ordered from Rolf W. Ramelmeier, Manager - Maryland, Virginia & DC Sales Office, Enron Energy Marketing Corp., 5740 Executive Drive, Suite 218, Baltimore, Maryland 21228.

(3) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this order by directing a request for the same in writing to Rolf W. Ramelmeier at the address set forth above. The Applicant shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such requests.

(4) On or before October 27, 2000, EEMC shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the geographical areas approved by the Commission for each pilot program in which the Applicant seeks to participate:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
ENRON ENERGY MARKETING CORP. TO CONDUCT
BUSINESS AS A COMPETITIVE SERVICE
PROVIDER IN NATURAL GAS RETAIL
ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM
CASE NO. PUE000489

On September 29, 2000, Enron Energy Marketing Corp. ("EEMC" or "Applicant") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission for a license to

conduct business as a competitive service provider in natural gas retail access pilot program. EEMC states that it presently intends to provide natural gas in the retail access pilot program of Washington Gas Light Company and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.

Copies of EEMC's application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218, or can be ordered from Rolf W. Ramelmeier, Manager - Maryland, Virginia & DC Sales Office, Enron Energy Marketing Corp., 5740 Executive Drive, Suite 218, Baltimore, Maryland 21228.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on EEMC's application may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before November 2, 2000, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000489. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to Rolf W. Ramelmeier at the address set forth above.

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(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on EEMC's application may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before November 2, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000489. A copy of any such comments also must simultaneously be served by first-class mail, or hand-delivered,

to Rolf W. Ramelmeier, Manager - Maryland, Virginia & DC Sales Office, Enron Energy Marketing Corp., 5740 Executive Drive, Suite 218, Baltimore, Maryland 21228.

(6) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of EEMC's application and shall present its findings in a Staff report to be filed on or before November 6, 2000.

(7) On or before November 9, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff report and any comments that have been filed, and shall serve a copy of its response on counsel for the Commission Staff and any person(s) submitting comments. Service shall be by such method that ensures that the response is received by November 9, 2000.

(8) Due to the time-sensitive nature of this proceeding, the Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within three (3) business days after receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-10-450 to -510.

(9) On or before November 2, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the notice required in Ordering paragraph (4).

(10) This matter is continued generally.